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PURPOSE

This letter will provide you with recent highlights of the Information Network Project (INP). The INP is developing the Alcohol and Other Drug Information Network (AOD InfoNet) to transfer data back and forth between the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) and the fifty-eight county alcohol and drug administrator offices. The AOD InfoNet will use secure e-mail attachments over the Internet as its main strategy. Electronically transmitting allocation, participant, billing, and program data will save handling, re-entry, and mail time for all of us. These greater efficiencies and much-improved information will give us the means to make better program and participant decisions critical to sustaining and expanding our services.

The architecture and initial development of the Network for the dissemination and collection of CADDs data and Drug Medi-Cal (D/MC) claims will be completed and implemented during the two month pilot of the project. Over the last five months, we have worked in partnership with our internal staff and the INP Steering Committee to:

- Define the requirements of the AOD InfoNet
- Develop the architecture of the Network
- Customize ADP's back-end data transfer solution
- Select Fresno, Los Angeles, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tehama as representative counties for the pilot

The INP team hosted a Pilot Kick-Off meeting in September to orient executive and technical representatives from the counties, as well as, internal ADP staff to the AOD InfoNet. Weekly INP status meetings and biweekly conference calls with county technical staff have provided open communication to discuss progress, clarify roles, and respond to concerns.

The knowledge and experience gained during the pilot will be used to refine the technology and implementation processes for the AOD InfoNet roll-out to the fifty-three non-pilot counties which will take place during 1998. The AOD InfoNet will be implemented in each county in three phases: Readiness Requirements, Testing, and Post Production Support.

The first task on the horizon for you is to assess your county's capacity and time requirement to prepare for participating on the AOD InfoNet. The INP team has developed a Readiness Checklist to help determine the effort, staff and social/political considerations involved in the assessment. This Checklist will be mailed to you in the near future.

Rolling out the AOD InfoNet to fifty-eight counties in a little more than a year is a very ambitious undertaking. A statewide data system, however, is critical to the effective delivery of services in the field, and ADP has made a commitment to have the statewide network fully operational by the close of 1998. The next 12 to 13 months have been divided into nine consecutive stages. During each stage, up to seven counties will participate in testing activities and ultimately begin using the Network in their daily operations. The nine stage roll-out plans for twenty-five percent of the counties to be connected by April 1998, fifty percent of the counties connected by June 1998, eighty-five percent by the November 1998, and 100 percent of the counties connected to and using the state-wide Network shortly after the close of 1998.

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

We are eager to work with you to develop a manageable implementation schedule as we expand the AOD InfoNet beyond the five pilot counties. Look for the Readiness Checklist coming your way within the next two weeks. If you have any questions or wish to share ideas with us, please call me at (916) 327-7226.